GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FAILURE OF CHILLI AND COTTON CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chilli and Cotton farmers of some districts of Andhra Pradesh haveincurred heavy losses owing to unseasonal rains during the month of February, 2000;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the compensation provided to the affected chilli and cotton farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a): Yes, Sir. In respect of chilli, farmers of Andhra Pradesh have incurred losses due to unseasonal rains in February 2000, whereas in cotton, no damage was reported.

(b): As per the report of the State Government, an area of about 6000 hectares of chilli crop at different stages of maturity were damaged in Prakasam, Guntur, Nellore and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No compensation has been provided. However, Tarpauline sheets have been provided at subsidised rate through Spices Board for chilli growers.